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SUBJ: SPECIAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE (SNIE) ON PANAMA

REF: STATE 071284

1. LEVEL OF GOA INTEREST IN PANAMA CANAL TREATY ISSUE QUITE LOW. PRESENT GOVERNMENT VIEWS ISSUE AS ONE OF MANY IRRITANTS ON US/LATIN AMERICA AGENDA BUT NOT ONE IN WHICH ARGENTINES HAVE GREAT STAKE. ON ALL THREE SCENARIOS GIVEN IN REFTEL, ARGENTINES WOULD TAKE POSITION THAT IT IS IN US INTEREST TO FIND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO CANAL ISSUE AS MEANS OF REMOVING LONG-STANDING IRRITANT FROM HEMISPHERIC AGENDA. EFFECTS ON OUR BI-LATERAL RELATIONS IN ALL THREE SCENARIOS WOULD BE MINIMAL IF NOT NONEXISTENT AND BEYOND VERBAL SUPPORT IN INTERNATIONAL FORA IT IS DIFFICULT AT THIS POINT TO VISUALIZE FURTHER ARGENTINE AID IN SUPPORT OF PANAMANIAN POSITION. POSSIBILITIES FOR HOSTILE ACTION AGAINST US, POLITICALLY OR ECONOMICALLY, APPEAR MINIMAL. IN CASE OF MULTI-LATERAL GROUPS EXCLUDING US, FOR EXAMPLE SELA, ARGENTINES HAVE CAUTIOUS NEGATIVE ATTITUDES TOWARD THESE GROUPINGS AND THEIR PERSPECTIVES NOT LIKELY TO BE CHANGED BY EVENTS IN PANAMA.

2. ARGENTINE REACTION TO CANAL ISSUE NOT LIKELY TO EXCEED MODERATE CRITICISM IT OFFERED OF TRA, AN ISSUE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO ARGENTINES. WE COULD HOWEVER EXPECT SOME BAD PRESS UNDER SCENARIOS B AND C. ONE FACTOR WHICH COULD ALTER ANALYSIS GIVEN ABOVE WOULD BE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT THAT

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PRODUCED A "LEFTIST" FOREIGN POLICY. THIS HOWEVER NOT DEEMED

LIKELY OVER INTERMEDIATE TERM (I.E., SIX MONTHS).  
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